

## AMITY AND COMMERCE

*Convention signed at Kanagawa March 19, 1859, postponing exchange  
of ratifications of treaty of July 29, 1858  
Entered into force March 19, 1859*

Treaty Series 185 <sup>1</sup>

### CONVENTION

Whereas the fourteenth Article of the Treaty, made at Yedo, between the United States of America and the Empire of Japan, and signed on the twenty ninth day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight,<sup>2</sup> provides, that the Ratifications of the said Treaty, shall be exchanged at the City of Washington, on or before the Fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, and

Whereas the Government of Japan, owing to grave and weighty reasons, has requested the postponement of the time, fixed for the exchange of Ratifications, we the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have, after due deliberation, agreed upon, and concluded the following Convention.

### ARTICLE FIRST

For the foregoing reasons, a Copy of the Treaty, bearing the Ratification of His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan, has been left in the hands of the Consul General of the United States of America, and the same shall be returned by him, to the Japanese Government, on his being informed, of the exchange of Ratifications at Washington.

### ARTICLE SECOND

No Embassy shall leave Japan for any Foreign Nation, before the mission, bearing the Japanese Ratification, has arrived at Washington.

### ARTICLE THIRD

The clause of the third Article of the Treaty of Yedo, relating to the freedom of trade, between Americans and Japanese, shall be made public, by the Japanese Government, in all parts of the Empire, on the First day of July next.

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed study of this convention, see 7 Miller 947.

<sup>2</sup> TS 185, *ante*, p. 362.

## ARTICLE FOURTH

The Government of Japan has agreed, that the Embassy will be ready to leave Yedo for the United States of America, on the Twenty second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

This Convention is executed in triplicate, each Copy being in the English, Japanese and Dutch languages, all the versions having the same meaning and intention, but the Dutch version shall be considered, as the original.

In Witness whereof, we the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, have hereunto set our hands and seals, at Kanagawa, on the nineteenth day of March, of the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the eighty third, corresponding to the Japanese Era, the fifteenth day of the second month, of the sixth Year of Ansei Hitsdzi.

TOWNSEND HARRIS	[SEAL]
MIDZUNO TSIKFGONO CAMI <sup>8</sup>	[SEAL]
HORI ORIBAY NO CAMI	[SEAL]
MURAGAKI AWADZINO CAMI	[SEAL]
KATO SIOZABRO	[SEAL]

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<sup>8</sup> The Japanese signatures are in the abbreviated form known as *kakihan*.